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## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

## By County Council

SUBJECT: DPWT Docket No. AB662

Abandonment - Portion of Moorland Lane, Bethesda

## **Background**

- 1. By letter dated July 31, 2004, from Mr. and Mrs. Donald Coupard and Mr. James Gordon, application to the County was made to abandon a portion of unimproved Moorland Lane in Bethesda.
- 2. A Public Hearing to consider the abandonment proposal was conducted on October 6, 2004, by the Designee of the County Executive.
- 3. The Police Department had no objection to the proposed abandonment.
- 4. Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission conditioned approval upon applicants granting a 20-foot wide easement for an existing water main.
- 5. Washington Gas had no objection to the proposed abandonment.
- 6. Potomac Electric Power Company had no objection to the proposed abandonment.
- 7. Verizon had no objection to the proposed abandonment.
- 8. Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission conditioned approval upon the applicants filing a re-subdivision plat to incorporate the abandoned area and to provide for a 15-foot wide area to remain in public use for a pedestrian path.

- 9. The Department of Public Works and Transportation conditioned approval upon applicants retaining a 15-foot wide area for a pedestrian path on a resubdivision plat and upon applicants granting to the County a future storm drain easement, if necessary, at no cost to the County.
- 10. The Department of Fire and Rescue Services had no objection to the proposed abandonment.
- The County Executive recommends denial of the proposed abandonment, because the subject right-of-way is still in public use as open space.

## Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, finds that the portion of Moorland Lane is still in public use as open space and therefore denies the abandonment.

Any person aggrieved by the action of the Council for the denial of abandonment may appeal to the Circuit Court within 30 days after the date such action is taken by Council.

This is a correct copy of Council Action.

Jinda M. Jawer Clerk of the Council